GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:10
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002
FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
DUKHA BHAGAT;LAXMAN GILUWA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of milch cattle are reportedly suffering from the foot and mouth disease;

(b) if so, the estimated number of animals perished during the last three years as a result thereof;

(c) the measures taken by the Union Government to combat this disease; and

(d) the procedure for reviewing these measures and the details of the last review carried out alongwith the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.10 T(ANSWERED ON 15th JULY, 2002.

(a)&(b): Foot and Mouth Disease occurs in India throughout the year. Number of cattle which died due tothis disease were 884, 237 and 1274 during 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively.

(c)&(d): Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in controlling this disease by way of providing grants-in-aid towards the cost of vaccine for the exotic, cross-bred and high yielding indigenous cattle belonging to weaker sections of the society. The State Governments and Union Territories are also advised from time to time to remain vigilant and take necessary steps in order to prevent the occurrence and spread of the disease. These measures are reviewed periodically. The latest review was held in June, 2002.